

REMARKS

Applicants reply to the Office Action dated July 20, 2009 within one month. Claims 1-14, 16-39, 42-48 and 50 were pending in the application and the Examiner states that the claims are subject to restriction action and/or election requirement. Applicants withdraw claims 6-7, 16-39, 42-48 and 50. Reconsideration of the pending claims is requested.

The Examiner asserts an election of Species is required as follows:

Species 1 - transducer supporting device with a guide surface which is a bevel undercut

Species 2 - transducer supporting device with a guide surface which is a side of a flange

Species 3 - transducer supporting device with a guide surface which is planar

Species 4 - rotational positioning of the transducer

Species 5 - pivotally positioning of the transducer

Species 6 - supporting frame which includes two or more carriages

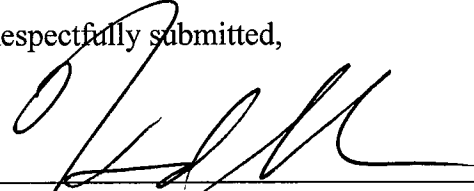
Applicants elect Species 1, consisting of Claim 5, for prosecution in this application. Applicants select Species 1 in order to expedite prosecution of this application. Applicants also note that generic claims 1, 2-4 and 8-14 also remain pending in this patent application.

Applicants do not acquiesce to the Examiner's foundation for the Restriction and Election Requirements as set forth in the Office Action. For example, Applicants assert that Species 1, 2, and 3 are the same inventive concept, but are variations on the configuration of the guide surface. It is clear from claim 1 that the inventive concept is, for example, the guide surface engaging and traversing hindrances in the pipe relative to the movement of a device for supporting an ultrasonic transducer. As such, Applicants assert that a guide surface that is a bevel, undercut at an in-use forward end of the transducer locating portion is the same inventive concept as the planar guide surface. Accordingly, Applicants request that the Examiner re-consider the assertion that multiple species exist. In that regard, the foregoing elections are made without waiver, estoppel or without prejudice to the filing of one or more related applications directed to the subject matter of withdrawn claims 4-7, 16-39, 42-48 and 50.

The foregoing amendments conforms this application to the Examiner's Restriction and Election Requirement dated July 20, 2009. Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for examination on the merits. Early notification of such action is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any suggestions to place the application in even better condition for allowance, Applicants request that the Examiner contact the undersigned representative at the

telephone number listed below. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees due or refund any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-2814, including extension of time fees, if needed.

Respectfully submitted,



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